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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of January 17, 1968, concerning records of the Warren Commission.

The brief delay in your receipt of a copy of the deed of gift of the Kennedy materials was unintentional. The deed of gift was made available for research as the result of a request by the New York Times. We have no information as to whether the request was inspired.

At the time of the gift of these materials the representative of the donor requested that the deed of gift not be made available for research under the conditions prevailing at the time in order to avoid the kind of sensationalism which the terms of the deed of gift were intended to prevent. More than a year having elapsed since then, we felt that the purpose of withholding the deed of gift had [illegible] and that it could now be made available for research.

As you may recall, we furnished you copies of the two memoranda to you refer at the time the basic chronological files of which [illegible] part were made available for research. You were the first researcher use these files and to receive copies of the two memoranda.

The copies of Commission exhibits you request will be sent to you soon as they are completed.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Bahmer
Archivist of the United States

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